

within the FDA exclusively for the purpose of monitoring the safety of drugs and allowing the FDA to examine drug safety after a drug has been approved and is on the market. It also significantly increases penalties for companies that violate safety standards. Additionally, H.R. 3580 reauthorizes through 2012 both the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) and the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act (MDUFMA), programs essential in expediting FDA's review of new drug and medical device applications and helping to avoid backlogs.

To regain the public's trust in the drug and device approval processes, The FDA Amendments Act imposes strict conflict-of-interest provisions to help ensure that FDA's advisory committees are medically qualified, independent, and acting on behalf of the health and safety of the American people. H.R. 3580 increases transparency and accountability by requiring that all drugs, devices, and biologics be included in a clinical trials registry and in a results database. All registry data on the safety and effectiveness of drugs and devices will be posted on an Internet site accessible to the public.

H.R. 3580 also improves health care and begins to address the high cost of prescription drugs by imposing penalties on pharmaceutical companies for false or misleading direct-to-consumer advertising (DTC) of prescription drugs. Studies have shown that spending on DTC advertising from pharmaceutical companies has tripled in recent years and plays a role in the unsustainably increasing cost of health care. DTC advertising has also changed the doctor-patient relationship with an increased number of patients requesting a specific drug or treatment, even in cases where a less expensive or different medication would be appropriate. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to further address DTC advertising of medications.

The safety of the drugs and devices on which so many Americans rely must be a priority for Congress. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 3580.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT JUBELIRER

#### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the winner of the distinguished Rehabilitation Advocate award from the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Altoona, given annually to recognize those who have been a source of encouragement and advocacy for the center and its patients. This year's winner is the Honorable Robert Jubelirer.

Senator Jubelirer has made a life out of serving others as a leader, humanitarian, and advocate. He served over thirty years in the State Senate, working tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Pennsylvania. The Senator served nearly 21 years as President Pro Tempore of the State Senate and served briefly as Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania. He has been instrumental in securing funding for key initiatives for Central Pennsylvania and has truly helped the area and community thrive.

Numerous organizations have recognized the Senator over the years, for both his official duties and his work for numerous community causes.

For the past 13 years, Senator Jubelirer has taken time out of his hectic schedule to host and present HealthSouth's "Aim Higher" awards to members of the HealthSouth community who have overcome great obstacles. He personally recognized each recipient of the "Aim Higher" awards with a Commonwealth proclamation and touching personal message. He left the attendees of each ceremony encouraged and inspired.

Senator Jubelirer has brought joy and hope to the HealthSouth community. I, along with the staff and patients of HealthSouth would like to thank Senator Jubelirer for his efforts in bringing recognition to those who have overcome great challenges. He joins today's winners as sources of inspiration, bringing encouragement to all who cross their paths. I congratulate Senator Jubelirer and thank him for all he has done in reaching out to others and bettering the community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, due to an unpreventable transportation problem while on official Congressional business, I was unable to vote on one measure on the House floor on September 24, 2007.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on House Concurrent Resolution 193—Recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOYLESTOWN

#### HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Second Baptist Church, in Doylestown, Pennsylvania on its one-hundredth anniversary. For 100 years, the Second Baptist Church has served, with dedication, the Bucks County community.

Initially chartered on April 29, 1874, the Second Baptist Church also has its roots in the St. Mark C.M.E. Church of Doylestown, Pennsylvania. A church that originally consisted of a small congregation first expanded and purchased its own building from Abraham Geil on October 1, 1887. Then, on September 26, 1907, the St. Mark C.M.E. Church changed denominational affiliations and was incorporated under the present name of Second Baptist Church of Doylestown. Since that day, the Second Baptist Church and its congregation have been committed to improving the community.

Madam Speaker, a strong community can shape the lives of children and young adults—something I saw firsthand growing up in a working class family in Northeast Philadelphia.

The Second Baptist Church provides a place for our community to come together and work together, especially with the ongoing growth of the congregation.

Over the last century, the Second Baptist Church has grown in numbers and in spirit. They have formed deep connections to our community that are significant to so many. The Second Baptist Church has many friends and neighbors across our area. When the Second Baptist Church was constructing a new building and was in need of a place to worship, the Christ Community Church of Plumstead, Pennsylvania opened its doors. Their impact on our community is hard to measure but it is all of our hope that it will only grow over the next 100 years.

Madam Speaker, the Second Baptist Church is a model for our community and our Nation. Those who worship there today are continuing the legacy of their founders a century ago. I join many in Doylestown and across the 8th District of Pennsylvania in offering congratulations to the Second Baptist Church of Doylestown on its 100-year anniversary.

#### RECOGNIZING COLONEL RICHARDSON AS THE FIRST FEMALE GARRISON COMMANDER OF THE FORT MYER MILITARY COMMUNITY

#### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished individual who will take command as the 100th Garrison Commander of the Fort Meyer Military Community. Colonel Laura Richardson assumed command of Fort Myer in Arlington, Virginia and Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, DC on July 24, 2007. Colonel Richardson is the first female Garrison Commander in the history of the two installations.

Colonel Richardson grew up in Colorado and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant Aviation Officer upon graduation from Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado. Colonel Richardson's military education includes the Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Army Rotary Wing Course, UH-60 Blackhawk Course, Air Assault School, Airborne School, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Among her many accomplishments, Colonel Richardson served in Washington, DC as Military Aide to Vice President Al Gore. Later, she served as Commander of the 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following battalion command, Colonel Richardson was assigned to the Army Staff and served as deputy director and director of the Army's Transformation Office. Following the Pentagon tour, she was assigned to the Industrial College of Armed Forces at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, DC.

Colonel Richardson's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal (seven),